

Jammu Mayor detects 'blunder' in culvert, talks tough to Executive Engineer

'For what you are paid if elected public representative finds technical fault'

Why public should suffer for Engineering Wing of JMC has not applied mind: Mayor

'Public should now teach those parties which opposed PM's strengthening of Local Bodies'

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JAMMU: Stressing that the Urban Local Body will now prefer smart works over civil works, the Jammu city Mayor, Rajinder Sharma on Saturday along with senior BJP leader and Councillor of Ward number 69, Gurmeet Kour Randhawa started work of a culvert in Sainik Colony area which shall be completed with an expenditure of Rs. 16.51 lakh.



Mayor, Rajinder Sharma during inauguration work of a culvert in Sainik Colony.

The culvert, of which the work was started today, was earlier constructed at a very low level and due to this technical "blunder" the water during rains gushed into residential houses inflicting damages.

Taking a strict note of this technical fault, the Mayor issued standing instructions to the concerned Executive Engineer to raise the height of the culvert.

"Such technical expertise was expected from you (concerned Executive Engineer) but being a political person and an elected public representative (Mayor) I have to direct you to raise the level of the culvert for the convenience of the public," the Mayor said after detecting major loophole adding: "If I have to do this (detecting the technical fault), then

for what purpose the Executive Engineer concerned is paid for." Mayor Rajinder Sharma, who is also General Secretary of All India Mayors' Council and a senior BJP leader asked the Executive Engineer concerned to construct the culvert in such a manner that the water from road during the rainy days and that of drains also may flow beneath the culvert and the public should not be put to losses because of poor application of mind by the concerned persons of the Engineering Wing of JMC.

Mayor Sharma also issued instructions for the construction of ramp connecting the culvert and said that if any technical error in the construction work of the culvert is detected after its completion, it will straightaway invite strict action against

the concerned Executive Engineer in form of explanation or any other strict action under the rules.

"I will personally check the culvert after its completion," the Mayor maintained further directing the Executive Engineer concerned to use quality material in the construction work and complete the work within scheduled time.

The strict instructions by the Mayor in wide public view to the concerned Executive Engineer Wing of JMC triggered applause for Mayor Sharma and his extraordinary working style form the prominent persons of the area who were present on the occasion to witness the start of developmental work.

Firebrand BJP leader and Councillor of Ward number 69, Gurmeet Kour Randhawa while speaking on the occasion said that

development spree in entire Jammu is in full swing under the visionary leadership of Mayor Rajinder Sharma.

She said that entire BJP team is working tirelessly to fulfil the dream of PM Modi for development in every nook and corner of India.

Prominent among those present on the occasion Inderjeet, Komal, Veena, Rajinder Kour, Capt Hardyal, Rajvir Singh Jastotia, L.N Dhar, G.S Bhau, Rajesh Bhadwal, Narinder Slathia, J.S Saini, Vikas Gupta, Ram Sharma, Tarsem Sharma, Raina-Wing Commander, Onkar Charak and Santosh Jastotia.

After this the Mayor started lane and drain work in New Plot area of Ward number 16 (his own Ward) which will be completed with an expenditure

of Rs. 27.86 lakh.

"When I was a vision to make all the lanes and drains of my Ward afresh and now when all this has been successfully done, public is surprised that apart from lanes and drains there are street lights installed in every nook and corner of the Ward and sanitation there has also improved a lot," he continued.

Out of contentment the Mayor told a few reporters who had visited him that initially that while an annual budget of Rs. 20 crore for all the 75 Wards was there initially in the year 2018 but now JMC spends Rs. 157 crore per year on developmental works.

"Just imagine these large scale developments which have been materialised only after the vision of PM Modi about empowering of Local Self Government," Sharma further said adding: "While all political parties barring BJP had objected to this vision of PM Modi that time but the public enjoying such developments today may now take a decision about those political parties for their objections for remarkable developments and teach such parties a lesson in coming polls."

Manipur issue



Impressive 10th Muharram procession taken out in Jammu

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JAMMU: An impressive procession of 10th Muharram (Ashura) was taken out in the old city from Ziyarat Peer Mitha under the banner of Anjuman-e-Imamia, Jammu where thousands of mourners from across the different regions of JK UT participated to pay homage to the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (a.s) grandson of Prophet Mohammad (Pbuh).

A brief Majlis was delivered by Moulana Syed Mohd Abbas Rizvi from Iran (Qum). In his address he stressed upon the teachings of Imam Hussain (a.s) and the lessons learned from the Karbala.

After passing through the traditional route the procession culminated at Karbala complex Wazarat road where majlis Sham-e-Ghariban was also delivered by Moulana Syed Mohd Abbas Rizvi.

A procession was also taken out from New Plots by Anjuman-e-Haidery New Plot and merged with the main procession at Imam Bargah Sofi Shah Peer Mitha.

On this day Imam Hussain (a.s) and his 72 companions laid their lives and saved humanity and the values of Islam, battling against the tyranny of Yazid, the ruler and Caliph of Muslim Ummah at that time.

Addressing media



10th Muharram procession taking out in Jammu old city.

President of Anjuman-e-Imamia, Jammu Syed Amanat Shah said that we are the followers of Imam Hussain (a.s.) and it's our duty to make masses aware about the Karbala as it's not just a war it's a lesson that how to stand against oppression. He further added that Karbala is not a battle between individuals but it's a battle of ideologies. He further added that Rebar-e-Moazam Syed Ali Khamaeni quoted that "If we understand this event (Ashura) to be a great event in History, and we place value upon it, this is because the remembrance of this event helps us to progress, to move forward, to follow the pointed path of Imam Hussain (a.s.)."

Vice President Anjuman-e-Imamia Syed Afaq Hussain Kazmi said that the battle of Karbala is the only battle in the history in which the blood got success over the sword. He further added that we should propagate the teachings of Imam Hussain (a.s.) if we want to succeed in our future endeavours.

While delivering the vote of thanks Prof. Sujat Khan Secretary Anjuman said we are thankful to all organizations for extending their full cooperation and support during the procession by installing different stalls as refreshment for the mourners.

We also extend thanks to Anjuman-e-Haidery New Plot, Anjuman-e-Hussaini Kargil Colony Bathindi, All Ladakh Muslim Students Association Jammu (ALMSAJ) and Other Student Associations of Kargil And Leh, Administration of Mobilization Educational And Welfare Society Ladakh (MEWSL) and people from Poonch, Rajouri, Gursai, Surankote, Mandi, Chanderkot, and Kashmir for showing exemplary discipline during the procession.

Remove all bottlenecks to complete development projects in Srinagar City as per revised deadlines: Administration

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SRINAGAR: There are many under-construction projects in Srinagar which are much needed and some of them are pending for a long time, which have jumped many deadlines in the past. An example of this is the Noor Jahan Bridge over the Jhelum at Qamarwari in Srinagar, other projects are Lasjan Grade Separator; Flyovers at Nowgam, Sanat Nagar and Bemina Bypass Corridor.

The District administration reviewed the progress of work on major developmental projects including ongoing construction works on Lasjan Grade Separator on NH-44 (Jammu-Srinagar highway), Flyovers at Nowgam Junction, Sannat Nagar Chowk and Bemina Crossing to improve flow of traffic on heavy loaded traffic intersections of the District.

Construction works is in progress on Noor Jehan Bridge being constructed over River Jhelum at Qamarwari at an estimated cost of Rs 10 crore. At

Lasjan, works on the 560-meter span Flyover/Grade Separator being executed by NHAI at an estimated cost of Rs 1.03 crore.

As per the statement of the Project Manager of Lasjan Grade Separator, the current status of work of project in progress is that over 90 percent of the work on the project has been completed and Bitumen/finishing works are going on in full swing.

The concerned executing agency is trying to speed up the work and complete the project as per the revised deadline by deploying additional men and machinery to improve traffic movement on the National Highway.

While the work on the 0.85 km span flyover at Nowgam Crossing is in progress at a cost of Rs 36.93 crore. The Administration said, that more than 55 percent of the work has been completed which includes piling work and work of pile cap and including pier caps.

Authorities stressed to the construction agencies on accelerating the pace of

construction work on the Flyover and set a November, 2023 deadline for its completion.

Officials urged the construction agencies to speed up the construction work on the Sanatnagar flyover and set the deadline of November for its completion. Sanatnagar flyover construction work is underway on the 0.85 km under estimated cost of Rs 37 crore. Concerned Sit engineer have raised issues related to removing barriers and erecting barricades around the construction site of the project to divert traffic to an alternative route and brought them to the notice of the district administration.

Meanwhile district administration gave directions to the concerned officers to address the issues immediately so that works on the project are carried smoothly.

At Bemina crossing, the pace and progress of ongoing work on construction of flyover at busy junction of Bemina bypass being executed at a cost of Rs 31.49 crore by PWD. The con-

cerned executing agency said, to accelerate the pace of work by employing additional manpower and machinery to complete the prestigious project by the end of September this year. He said, that over 55 percent of works on flyover at Bemina junction stands completed so far and the project will be completed in full within set timelines.

Construction works on Noor Jehan Bridge being constructed by R&B over River Jhelum at Qamarwari at an estimated cost of Rs 10 crore and till date the project has jumped several deadlines. As per the officials of the concerned agency, on which

more than over 85 percent of the work on the bridge has been completed, the remaining work will be completed within the shortest possible time. By completion of Noor Jehan Bridge, the decade old demand of the local population will be fulfilled and shall also bring significant change in the movement of traffic flow.

Administration is hopeful that as soon as these prestigious projects on NH-44 (Jammu-Srinagar highway) are completed shall improve transport facilities in Srinagar and also will prove helpful to overcome traffic congestion along the highway and on other important road corridors.

Krantiteerth honours families of 36 soldiers of INA, Goa freedom fighters

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JAMMU: A programme of Krantiteerth for honouring the unsung heroes of freedom movement was organized by Praja Parishad Memorial Trust in collaboration with Centre for Advanced Research on Development and Change was organized at Jaurian under the direction of Ministry of Culture, Government of India and aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. In this programme, 36 families of soldiers of Indian National Army and Goa freedom fighters were honoured by Shakti Kumar Pathak (DIG), Ramesh Chander, ADDC, Jammu and Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, former VC.

The Convenor of the Krantiteerth, Jammu &



Shakti K Pathak (DIG), Ramesh Chander, ADDC, Jammu and Prof. Sanjeev Sharma, former VC at a programme.

Kashmir Dr. Ajay Kumar Sharma presented welcome address. He also informed the gathering about the mission of Krantiteerth. He said that Krantiteerth is a series of events to commemorate the unsung heroes, places and organization of freedom movement to be organized under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit

Mahotsav an initiative of PM Modi. Shakti Kumar Pathak, DIG, Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range was the Chief Guest of the programme. In his address he said that the lakhs of people were martyred in the freedom struggle but remained unknown in the history.

Krantiteerth is remarkable initiative to honour all these unsung heroes of India. He asked the present generation to get motivation of nationalism and patriotism from the legends of such unsung heroes of freedom movement. Today there are many challenges in our society and it the duty of the youth to fight every challenge and work for progress and development of India.

Ramesh Chander, ADDC, Jammu, the Guest of Honour said that it is our duty to remember all such heroes and pay them our sincere tribute.

Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Former Vice-Chancellor; Mahatma Gandhi Central University of Bihar was the main speaker who highlighted the role of many unsung and lesser known

heroes who sacrificed themselves for the freedom of India. He said that that during the freedom movement like rest of India, Jammu Kashmir had also played an important role. During this Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav we all should give our sincere tributes to all such unsung heroes and remember their supreme sacrifices in the interest of India.

The Vote of thanks was presented by Daljit Singh Chib, President, Praja Parishad Memorial Trust. Other who were present in the occasion included Rajeev Sharma, Former MLA, Akhnoor; Dr. Krishan Kumar, Ex-MLA Chhamb, Bhushan Bral-DDC, Renu-BDC and other prominent citizens of Akhnoor; Jourian and Khour;

ADGP Jammu Zone holds security, crime review meeting



ADGP Jammu, Mukesh Singh chairing security review meeting at DPO Udhampur.

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JAMMU: The Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh conducted a security and crime review meeting with supervisory officers of district Udhampur for heinous crimes and arrangements for Independence Day at DPO Udhampur.

He laid stress upon UAPA and NDPS cases especially for unearthing the forward and backward linkages in the drugs supply.

He also directed the officers to conduct meticulous financial investigation in all NDPS cases. Investigation into cases of drug abuse and strategies to counter the drug menace was deliberated upon. During the meeting, Progress of investigation of UAP Act cases registered in district Udhampur was also discussed.

ADGP Jammu also stressed upon quality investigation in the cases and proper follow up of

cases till conviction. He also reviewed the security arrangements for the upcoming Independence Day function.

The meeting was attended by Suleman Choudhary IPS, DIG U/R range, Dr Vinod Kumar, SSP Udhampur, M Anwaar Ul Haq Addl.SP Udhampur, Tahir Sheikh SDPO Chenani, Shahid Naem DySP DAR Udhampur, Gurmeet Singh DySP Hqs. Udhampur, Vishal Manhas SDPO Ramnagar and Darshan Singh Sr.PO.

Early detection key to control diabetes, cure several cancers: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also a nationally known medical professional and Diabetologist, said here on Saturday that early detection is the key to control Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and many other lifestyle disorders as well as to cure several Cancers including Breast Cancer.

Speaking at "The Week Connect" event titled "Expanding Breast Cancer Care for Indian Women" here, Dr Jitendra Singh lauded "The Week" for having a Health supplement, which has been in print for more than 15 years now. He said, this is in keeping with the tradition and legacy of Malayala Manorama Group.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, as chief guest, addressing "The Week Connect" event titled "Expanding Breast Cancer Care for Indian Women", at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Quoting figures, Dr Jitendra Singh said, In India, 37.2 percent women died from breast cancer in 2020, as compared to the Asian rate of 34 per cent, while the global average was 30 per cent. He added that the high mortality rates with breast cancer in India could be related

to late diagnosis, which is primarily due to lack of proper awareness and the absence of screening for the at-risk population.

The Minister, however, underlined that there is reason for hope because breast cancer is highly preventable and highly

curative; the earlier it is detected, the better are the chances of effective treatment and survival.

Dr Jitendra Singh was pleased to note that earlier, patients were only treated with chemotherapy and radiation apart from surgery. Now there are many available treatment options. New oral therapies have come in, such as the CDK4/6 Inhibitors which are used to treat hormone positive Metastatic Breast Cancer. Indian companies like Cipla are introducing a generic version of Palbociclib (a CDK4/6 Inhibitor) in India, which costs less than Rs 5000/ monthly, and can be accessed by a large pool of patients. This way, the introduction of more Indian

generics will help impact a great number of patients, the Minister said.

Supporting the idea of special breast cancer clinics across the country like the wellness centres, Dr Jitendra Singh said that Ayushman Bharat is so far the world's best health insurance scheme and credit goes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for having conceptualised it.

He emphasised that this is possibly the only health insurance scheme in the world which offers the option of seeking insurance cover even for a pre-existing disease, like for example, if today a person is detected having cancer; or even breast cancer, one can get herself insured to receive the financial support for treatment.